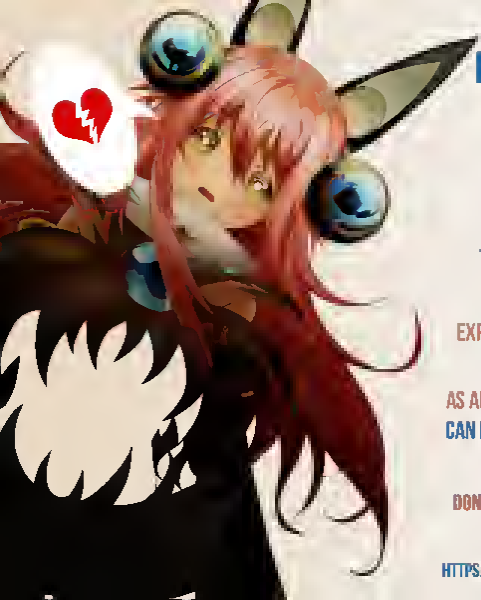

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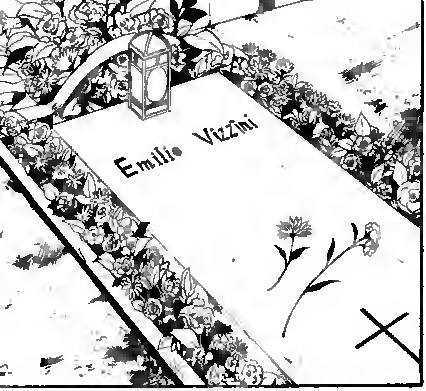
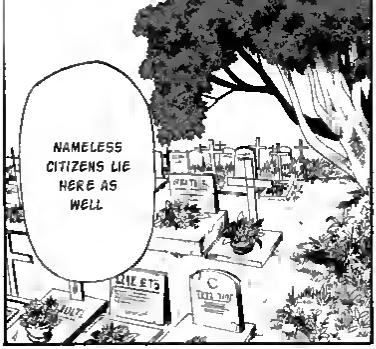

Emilio Vizzini

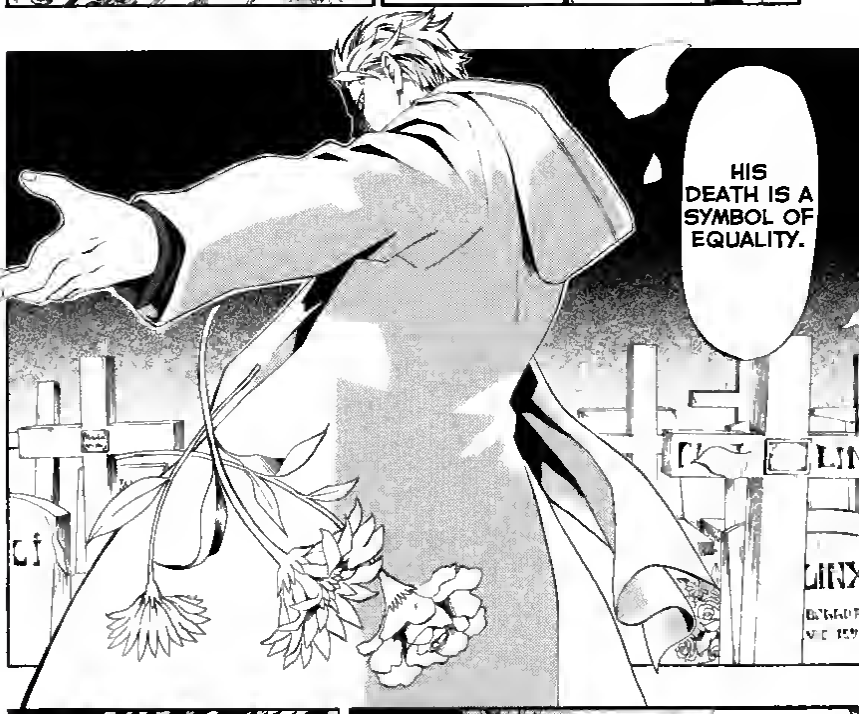
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU EVER VISIT OTHER PEOPLE'S GRAVES.
WHY ARE YOU COMING HERE ALL OF A SUDDEN?

VIZZINI DIED BECAUSE HE WAS WEAK. THAT'S IT
TAP!
THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO MOURN OVER HIM

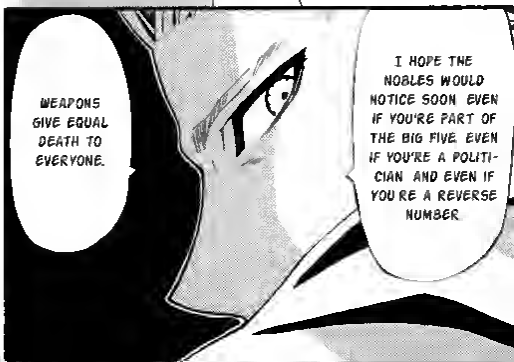
SIEGFRIED-SAN.

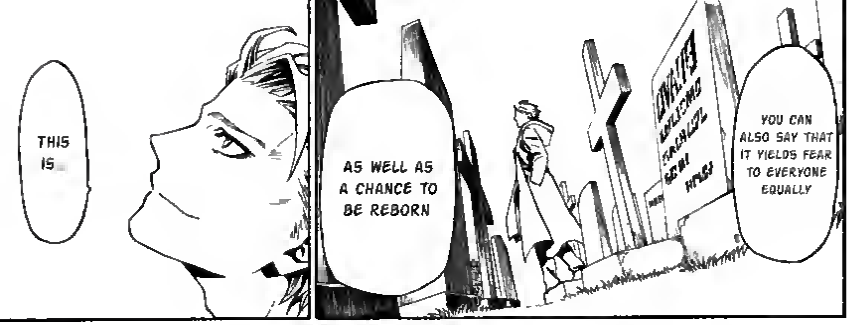

NAMELESS CITIZENS LIE HERE AS WELL.

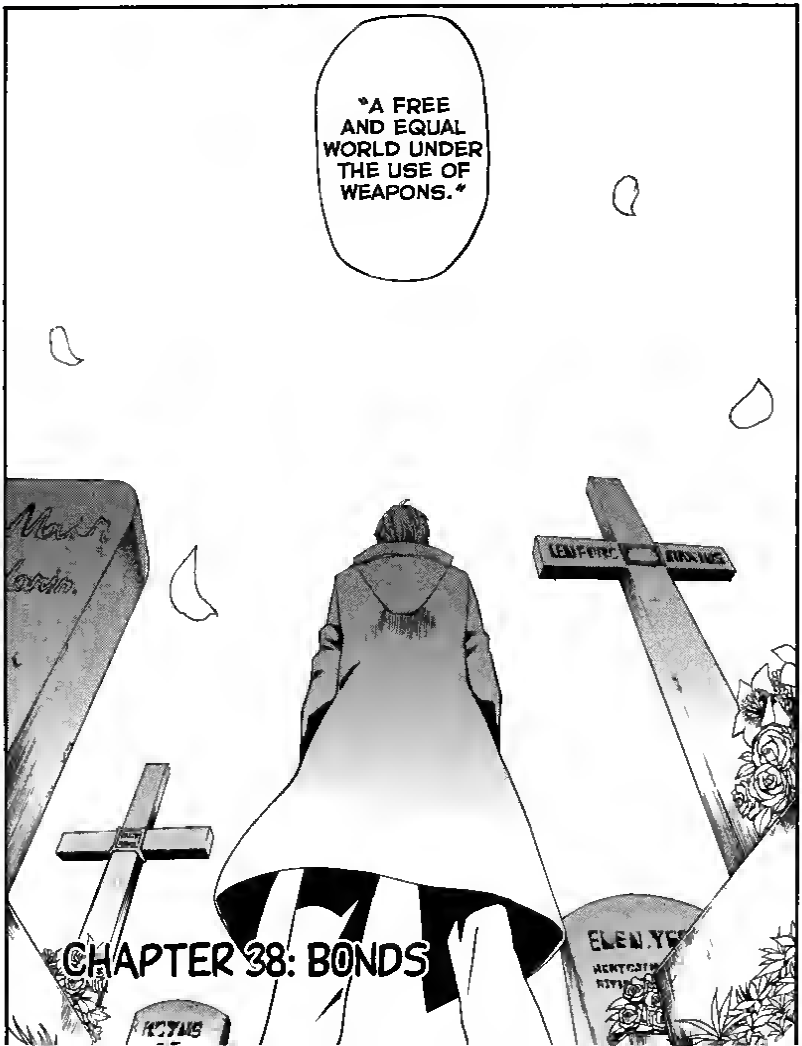
THE ONES FROM THE BIG FIVE FAMILIES LIE HERE.
DARIO CAN'T YOU SEE?


HIS DEATH IS A SYMBOL OF EQUALITY.

SHUDDER


WEAPONS GIVE EQUAL DEATH TO EVERYONE.
I HOPE THE NOBLES WOULD NOTICE SOON EVEN IF YOU'RE PART OF THE BIG FIVE EVEN IF YOU'RE A POLITICIAN AND EVEN IF YOU'RE A REVERSE NUMBER.





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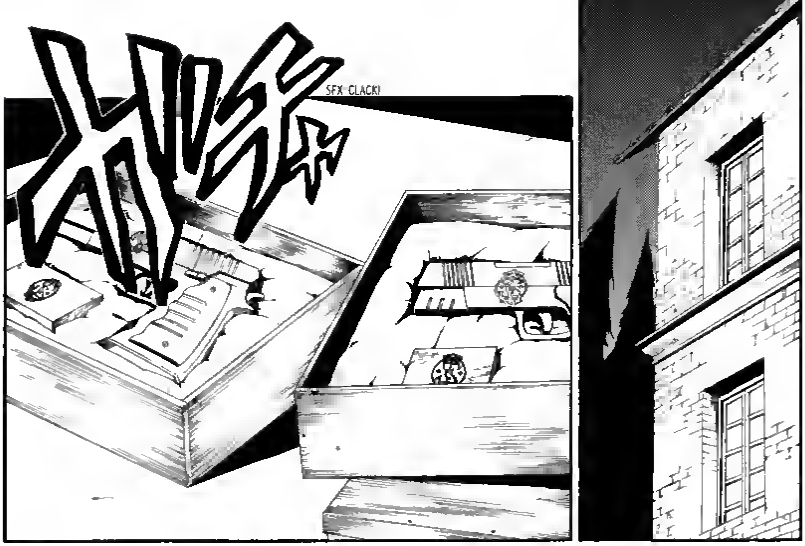
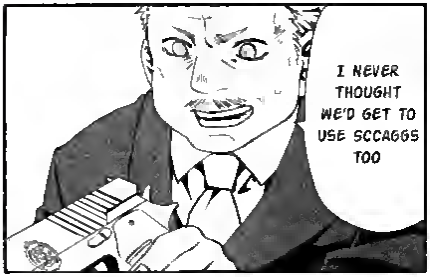
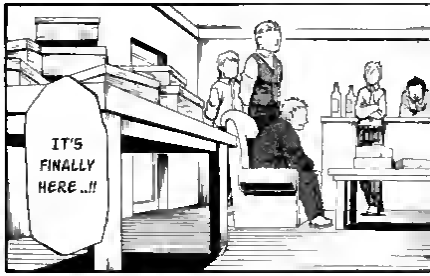

SFX: CLACK!


I NEVER THOUGHT WE'D GET TO USE SCCAGGS TOO


IT'S FINALLY HERE ..!!

THUD

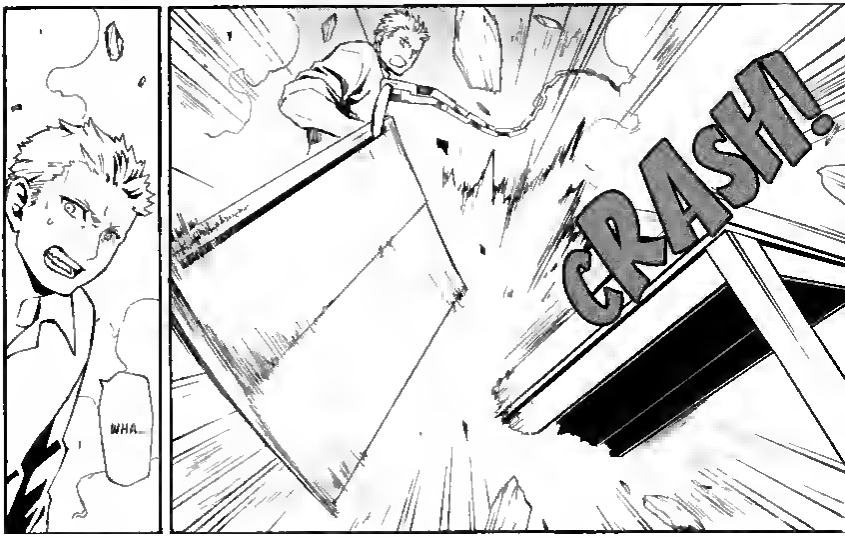
RIGHT NOW, THE ONLY THING WE CAN TRUST IS AN OVERWHELMINGLY STRONG "POWER".

IT WOULDN'T BE STRANGE IF SOMETHING HAPPENED.
I HEARD EVEN ONE OF THE BIG FIVE'S BOSSES .. VIZZINI, WAS KILLED

IT'S JUST INFORMATION WE GOT FROM THE YELLOW PRESS. WE DON'T KNOW IF IT'S TRUE.
IS VIZZINI'S SUCCESSOR REALLY GOING TO BE SIEGFRIED SCCAGGS?
HOWEVER, IS IT REALLY TRUE?
IT'S A CHANCE FOR US TO CHANGE THINGS UP...!!
BUT, THE FACT THAT WE GOT OUR HANDS ON POWER IS TRUE!!
SFX: SHATTER!
!?
SFX: WHOOSH!

CALM DOWN!! GET OUR WEAPONS..!
Clack!
WH- WHAT WAS THAT?!

SFX. WHOOSH!


WHA...
CRASH!

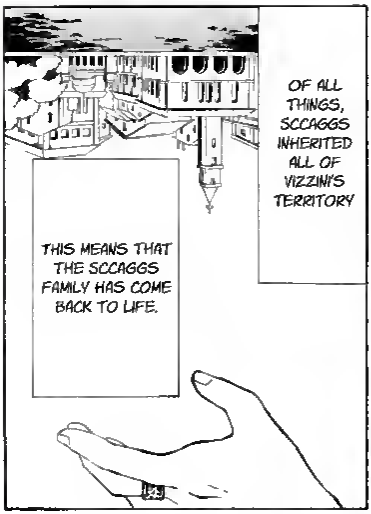
YOU TWO ARE...
RAISE
"YOU ARE SUSPECTED OF POSSESSING ILLEGAL WEAPONS, AND OF PROMOTING THE USE OF WEAPONS"
LONIGAN FAMILY'S FORMER SUBORDINATE, PAOLO ABATTINI!
THUD!

"BASED ON INVESTIGATION RESULTS, YOU ARE DEEMED AS A THREAT"
THUS, IT WAS DECIDED THAT AN EXECUTION SHOULD BE INSTIGATED"
A RED RAVEN...!!
FWIP!
AND A GUILLO-TINE... YOU ARE...?!
A RED COAT...
NOBLE

SFX: CLACK!
THESE BRATS ARE EXECUTIONERS?! IS THIS A JOKE?!
SINCE THERE'S ONLY AN EXECUTION LETTER FOR ONE PERSON
Ugh...
...DON'T GET IN THE WAY.
SFX: BOOM!
DASH!
CLICK! CLICK!
NOW, THE FOURTH EXECUTIONER—
BANG! BANG!

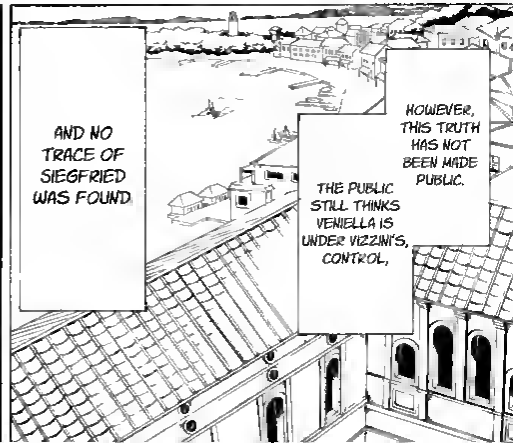
SHALL COMMENCE THE EXECUTION
BAM!
SFX: FLAP!
A MONTH HAS PASSED SINCE THE INCIDENT IN VENIELLA.
CAW!
CAW!

EMILIO VIZZINI, A BOSS FROM THE BIG FIVE FAMILIES, PASSED AWAY
THE RED RAVEN HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO KILL VIZZINI, AS HE INDULGED HIMSELF INTO [redacted]
THE ONES LIVING IN THE DARK HAVE STARTED TO SHOW SIGNS OF ACTIVITY.


OF ALL THINGS, SCCAGGS INHERITED ALL OF VIZZINI'S TERRITORY
THIS MEANS THAT THE SCCAGGS FAMILY HAS COME BACK TO LIFE.

THE REASON WHY, IS BE-CAUSE OF THE NEW ACTOR THAT CAME ONTO THE STAGE,
SIEGFRIED SCCAGGS, WHOM EVERYONE THOUGHT WAS DEAD FOR A LONG TIME

BUT, THE WORLD HAS BEEN SHOW-ING SIGNS OF STEADY CHANGE.

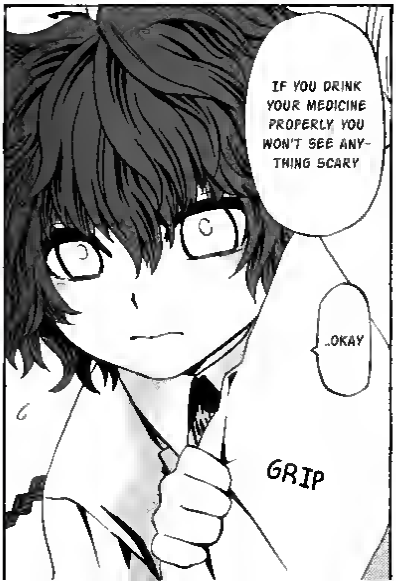

AND NO TRACE OF SIEGFRIED WAS FOUND.
HOWEVER, THIS TRUTH HAS NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC.
THE PUBLIC STILL THINKS VENIELLA IS UNDER VIZZINI'S CONTROL,

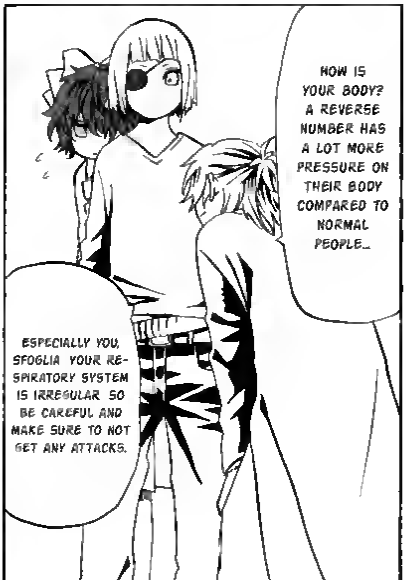
SFX: AM!
ANDY! LET'S GO SHOPPING!!
BUT WE SHOULD REST WHILE WE CAN!
TODAY IS A RARE HOLIDAY AFTER ALL THE WORK WE'VE DONE!
tap
tap
INCIDENTS INVOLVING SCCAGGS HAVE OBVIOUSLY INCREASED
DON'T YOU JUST WANT ME TO CARRY YOUR THINGS?
DID I GIVE YOU THE RIGHT TO REFUSE? THIS IS AN INVITATION FROM A LADY!
IMMEDIATE RESPONSE!
NO.
Glance
BESIDES, TODAY..

OH IT'S CONNIE AND ANDY
YOU GUYS CAME BACK!
Flip!

SHIVER
SHIVER
....
I PROMISED TO BE WITH SFOGLIA.

HELLO TO YOU TOO SFOGLIA
I'M ELIANA FROM THE INFIRMARY. REMEMBER ME?


IF YOU DRINK YOUR MEDICINE PROPERLY YOU WON'T SEE ANYTHING SCARY
..OKAY
GRIP


HOW IS YOUR BODY? A REVERSE NUMBER HAS A LOT MORE PRESSURE ON THEIR BODY COMPARED TO NORMAL PEOPLE..
ESPECIALLY YOU, SFOGLIA. YOUR RESPIRATORY SYSTEM IS IRREGULAR. SO BE CAREFUL AND MAKE SURE TO NOT GET ANY ATTACKS.

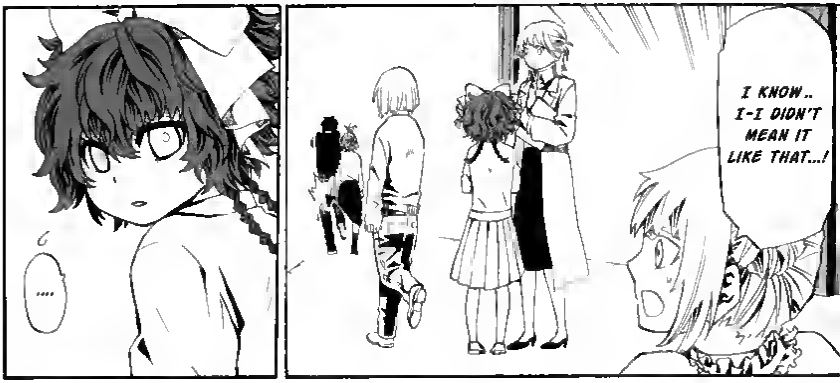
SMACK
IS THIS HEAVE-URG?!
!! AHH
CARLO MAKES ME WORK AND PULL ALL-NIGHTERS LIKE TRASH EVERYDAY!! I CAN'T BELIEVE AN ANGEL WOULD APPEAR BEFORE ME TODAY.!!
PHILLIP?!
inches forward
SO CUTE...!!

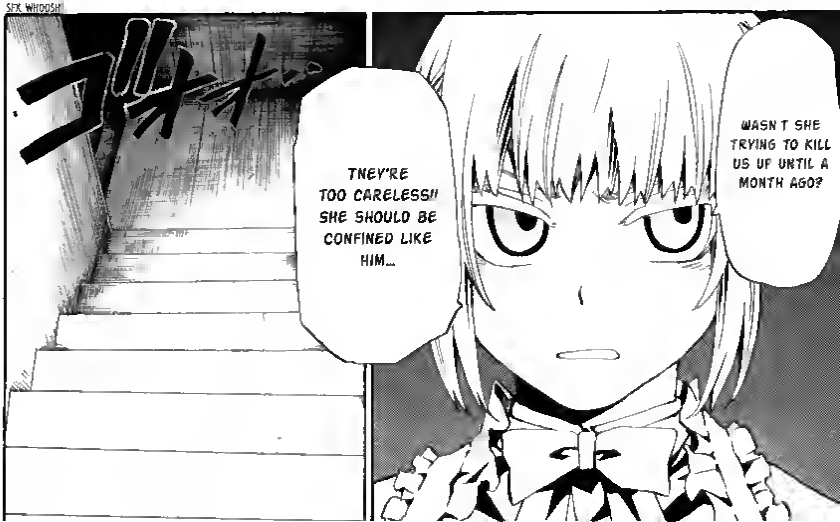
WHO IS SHE?
SHE'S KATIE FROM THE INFORMATION SECTION THEY'RE ALL GOOD PEOPLE SO TRY TALKING TO THEM

FWIP
MUTTER
GOSN WHY DOES EVERYONE LIKE THE REVERSE NUMBER SO MUCH?

GO BACK TO WORK, PHILLIP ARE YOU PLANNING TO CHANGE FROM BEING A TRASH TO BEING A CRIMINAL?
Katie-senpai I don't wanna look at mafia anymore!! I wanna look at young girls. !!
TREMBLE
TREMBLE

CONNIE... I'M A REVERSE NUMBER TOO..


....
I KNOW.. I-I DIDN'T MEAN IT LIKE THAT...!


SFX: WHOOSH!
THEY'RE TOO CARELESS!! SHE SHOULD BE CONFINED LIKE HIM...
WASN'T SHE TRYING TO KILL US UP UNTIL A MONTH AGO?

I TOLD YOU I HATE ZUCCHINIS...
VEGGIES ONLY AGAIN?
CLANG
CLANG
STEAK!! STEAK!
CAN'T YOU GIVE ME FANCY STEAK FROM TIME TO TIME??
"REVERSE NUMBER 6", KEVIN COSTA.
Giudizio
ANNOYED
YOU SHOULD BE GLAD THAT YOU EVEN HAVE SOMETHING TO EAT

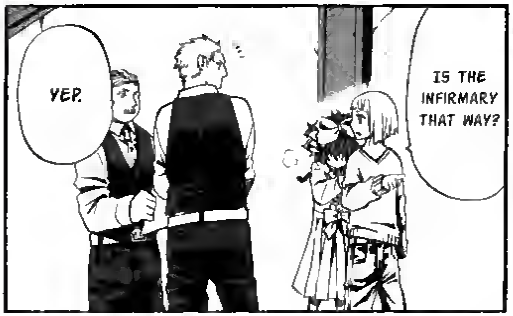
SERIOUSLY, THE FLAVOR OF THE FOOD HERE IS TOO PLAIN. CAN YOU BRING ME SOME SALT?
SHOULD I BRING YOU RAW ZUCCHINI NEXT TIME?
Sigh
WE, THE RED RAVEN WERE THE ONE WHO SAVED YOU FROM THE CACCINI AFTER THE ARETAM INCIDENT.
SCCAGG
No.900

TO THE CACCINI SCCAGGS ARE THEIR MORTAL ENEMY...
DID YOU WANT TO BE KILLED BACK THEN?
I AM GRATEFUL TO YOU ALL
THAT'S WHY I GAVE YOU GUYS ALL THE INFO I KNEW!!
ROLL
IT'S SO BORING HERE. DO YOU HAVE ANY HIDDEN TALENT?
.....

GOT IT.
MR. SILVIO, THE JUDGE IS READY TO LEAVE
REALLY. EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE BOTH REVERSE NUMBERS, YOU'RE REALLY DIFFERENT COMPARED TO THE GIRL
TAP
A REVERSE NUMBERED GIRL...
BAM
HMM...?
SFOGLIA?
Wheeze
Wheeze
FLIP
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I FOUND SOMETHING INTE-RESTING.

IT'S ALRIGHT THE MEDICINE SHOULD BE ABLE TO CONTROL THE ATTACK

...LET'S GO GET MORE MEDICINE
CLATTER

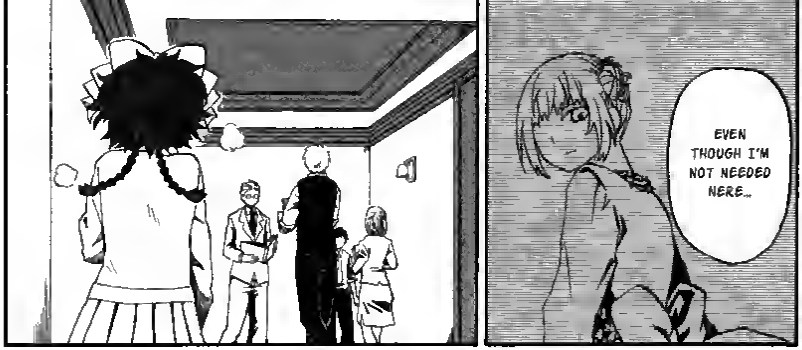

YEP.
IS THE INFIRMARY THAT WAY?

ANOY IS GOING TO THE INFIRMARY ON HIS OWN WILL...?!

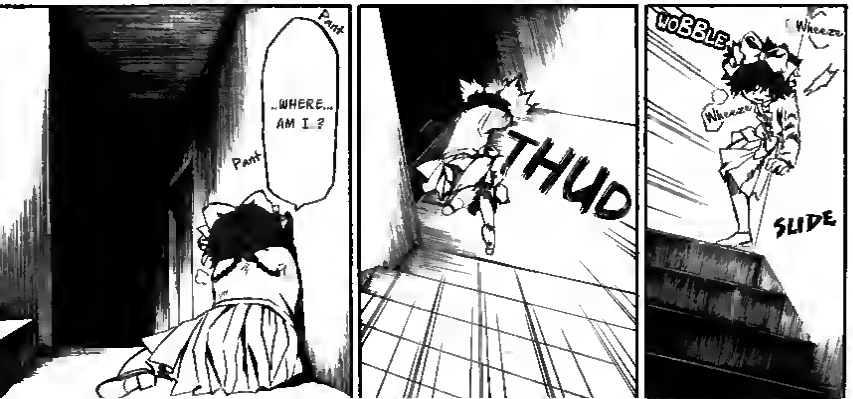
HM?

I can't keep causing trouble...
I have to get better... I have to get better.
Wheeze
Wheeze
SOR RY.

IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT
I'M... SORRY...
Wheeze
Wheeze

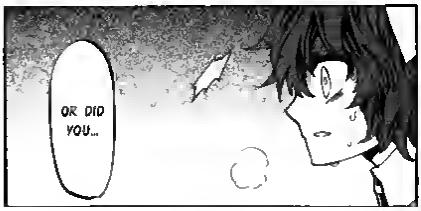

EVEN THOUGH I'M NOT NEEDED HERE...

Whee zz
I'M SORRY, I'M SORRY!
DON'T LEAVE ME ALONE
Whe zz
ANDY
ANDY..!
AN..DY?


Pant
..WHERE... AM I..?
Pant
THUD
WOBBLE
Wheeze
Wheeze
SLIDE

Pant!
...!?

WHY ARE YOU HERE?
CREAK...
WHY CAN YOU MOVE AROUND FREELY? WHY AREN'T YOU LIKE ME?


OR DID YOU...

SO IT WAS SFOGLIA.

BETRAY US?

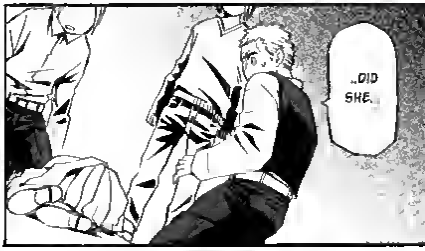
Long time no see~
AHA! OF COURSE NOT!
KEVIN ...?!
HEY SFOGLIA, HELP ME OUT
I'M BEING INTERROGATED ABOUT THE CACCINIS AND ON TOP OF THAT, THEY ONLY GIVE ME VEGETARIAN FOOD! IT'S DRIVING ME CRAZY
Pant
I... I...
Wheeze
Wheeze
YOU KNOW WE'RE REVERSE NUMBERS, RIGHT?
ARE YOU REALLY PLANNING TO BETRAY MR. SIEG?
? ARE YOU REALLY NOT GONNA GO BACK?
WHEEZE
LET'S GO BACK TOGETHER
Clatter
!?
Clatter

AND YOU'RE USELESS WITHOUT HIM. YOU KNOW THAT, RIGHT?
AH...
I'M... SORRY...
SINCE SHE'S HAVING AN ATTACK, SHE SHOULDN'T BE THAT FAR OFF..
This is bad... I lost Sfoglia.

.....!
SFOGLIA..!!
I'M SORRY
I'M SORRY!
ANDREA!!
RUN
YEAH BUT FOR SOME REASON SHE KEEPS APOLOGIZING
IS SHE CONSCIOUS?
ANDY!! IT'S AN EMERGENCY!!

THE CONFINED REVERSE NUMBER RAN AWAY!!

TOLD YOU SO...!!
TCH!


..DID SHE..

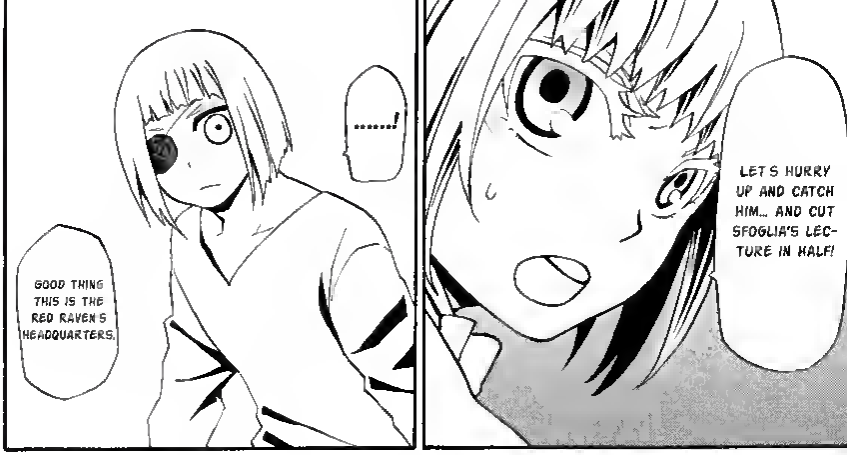
LET'S GO APOLOGIZE TO CARLO TOGETHER WHEN YOU CAN STAND
PAT
PAT

SFOGLIA
WHEEZ
JOLT

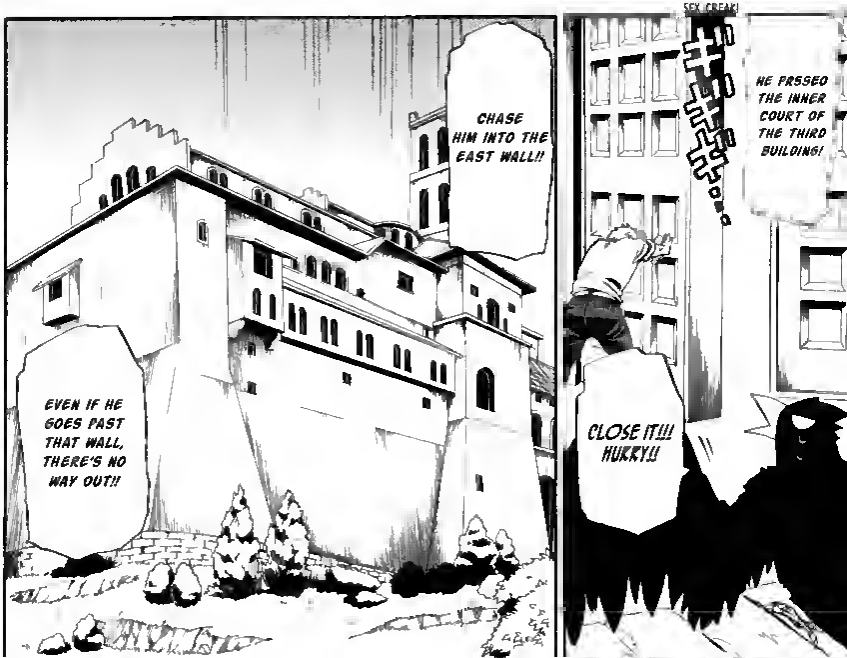
I'M SOR...RY...
THEY WILL GIVE YOU A SECOND CHANCE.
DON'T WORRY, THIS PLACE IS DIFFERENT.
...!

I SEE...

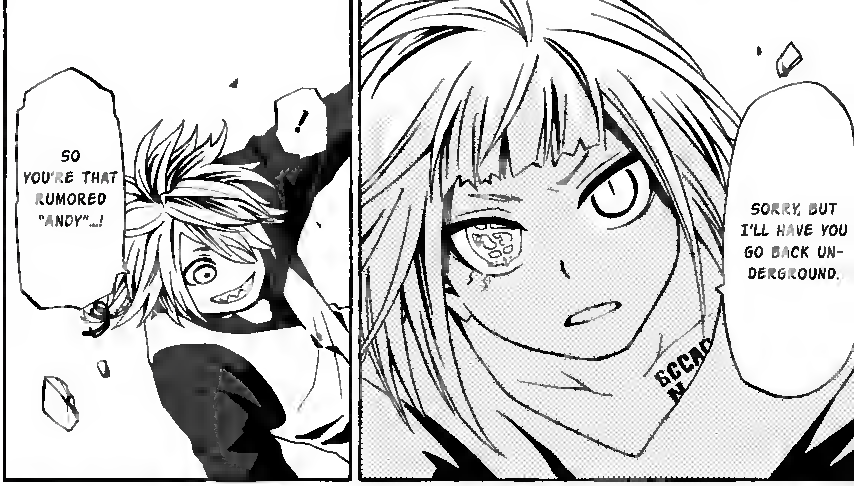
ANDY!
!?
He understands the worry of going out for the first time, and the pain of rebelling against Scaggs.
SEES HIS PAST SELF IN SFOGLIA
ANDY...

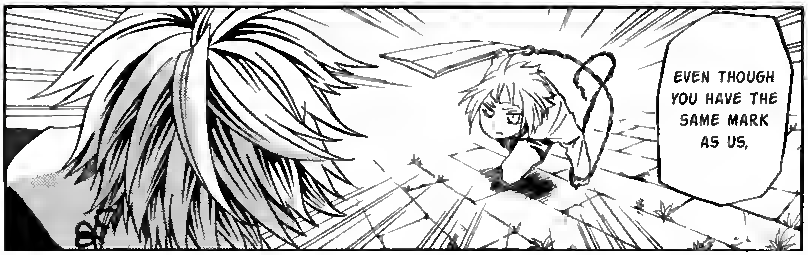

GOOD THING THIS IS THE RED RAVEN'S HEADQUARTERS.
.....!
LET'S HURRY UP AND CATCH HIM... AND CUT SFOGLIA'S LECTURE IN HALF!

FLAP!
FLAP!
THERE'S NO WAY ANYONE WOULD LET HIM GO...!!


CHASE HIM INTO THE EAST WALL!!
EVEN IF HE GOES PAST THAT WALL, THERE'S NO WAY OUT!!
SFX: CREAK!
HE PASSED THE INNER COURT OF THE THIRD BUILDING!
CLOSE IT!!! HURRY!!

GUARDS! DON'T CHASE HIM RECK-LESSLY!
JUST LEAVE THE REST..
SFX. WHOOSH!!
As expected, they're dealing with this really quickly
TO ANDY!!
SFX. WHAM!

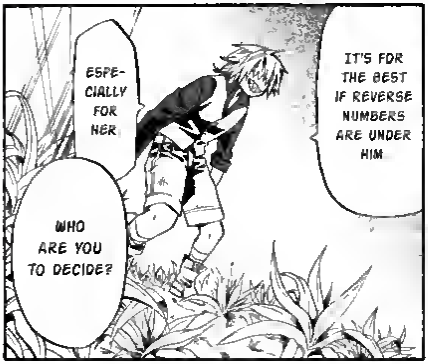

SO YOU'RE THAT RUMORED "ANDY"...!
SORRY, BUT I'LL HAVE YOU GO BACK UNDERGROUND.

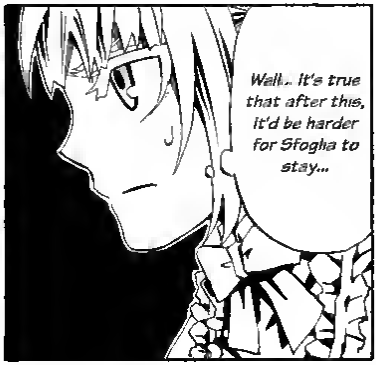

EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE THE SAME MARK AS US,

SORRY, BUT I'M NOT ALONE
YOU BETRAYED HIM!!

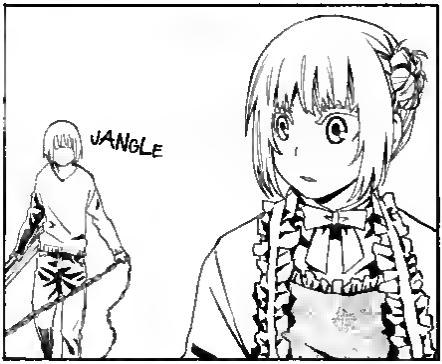
JANGLE
WHAM!
WHOOSH!
A wall...!
COUGH!
!
BAM!
WHAM!
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU TRICKED A WEAK GIRL INTO HELPING YOU ESCAPE! YOU'RE HORRIBLE!
WHOA

SINCE SHE ISN'T TRUSTED HERE AND CAN'T FIGHT AS WELL, SHE'D JUST BE STRESSED ALL THE TIME
YOU ALL AREN'T SO STUPID THAT YOU'D BELIEVE A FORMER ENEMY THIS EASILY, RIGHT?
TRICK? NO, I SAID ALL THAT FOR HER SAKE
SKID!


WHO ARE YOU TO DECIDE?
ESPE-CIALLY FOR HER
IT'S FOR THE BEST IF REVERSE NUMBERS ARE UNDER HIM

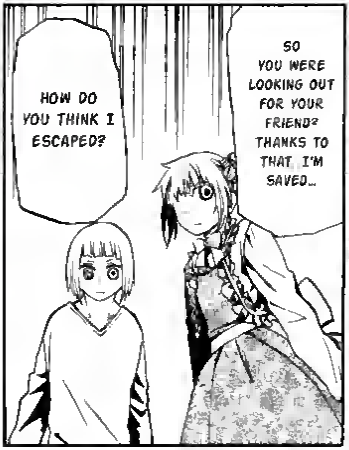

Well... It's true that after this, it'd be harder for Sfogha to stay...

GRIP
SFOGLIA'S LIFE BELONGS TO HER, AND HER ONLY


JANGLE

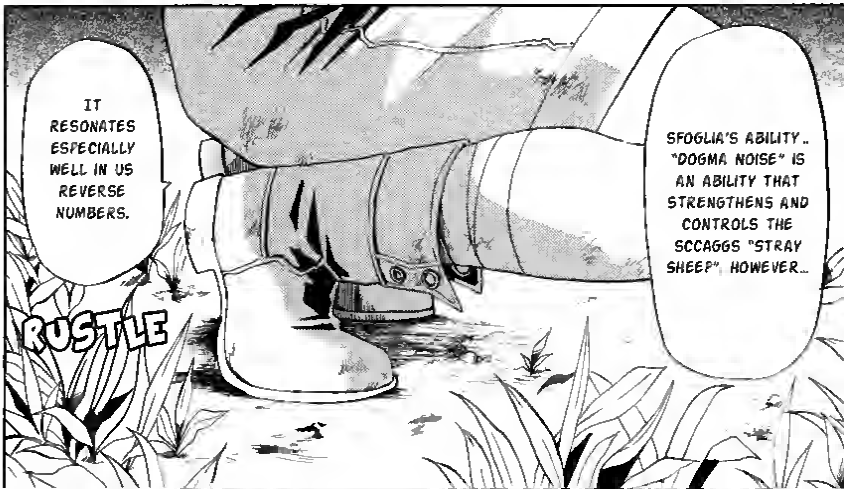
ANDY...
I WON'T LET HER TAKE AWAY ANY OTHER LIFE AGAIN.
WELL IT DOESN'T MATTER TO ME.
AS LONG AS I'M HAVING FUN, I'M HAPPY
!?
SFX: THUD!
I...
IT FINALLY STARTED WORKING,
I'M GLAD YOU'RE A TALKATIVE GUY.

WHOOSH!
POISONOUS GAS..?!

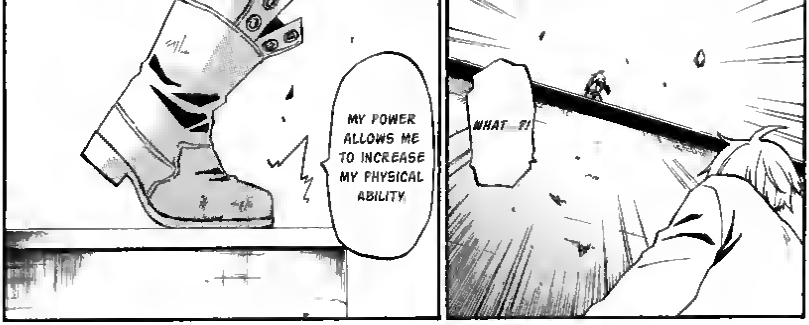

HOW DO YOU THINK I ESCAPED?
SO YOU WERE LOOKING OUT FOR YOUR FRIEND? THANKS TO THAT, I'M SAVED...

AHA!

IF I HAD MESSED UP, YOU WOULD'VE COLLAPSED TOO.
DID YOU NOT HAVE A MORE EFFECTIVE ONE?
Don't go over there


IT RESONATES ESPECIALLY WELL IN US REVERSE NUMBERS.
RUSTLE
SFOGLIA'S ABILITY.. "DOGMA NOISE" IS AN ABILITY THAT STRENGTHENS AND CONTROLS THE SCCAGGS "STRAY SHEEP". HOWEVER...

REVERSE NUMBER 6, "PHYSICAL INCREASE".
SO IT ALLOWS US TO BRING OUT AS MUCH POWER AS OUR BODY CAN HANDLE.
SCCAGGS
SFX: THUD! THUD! THUD!

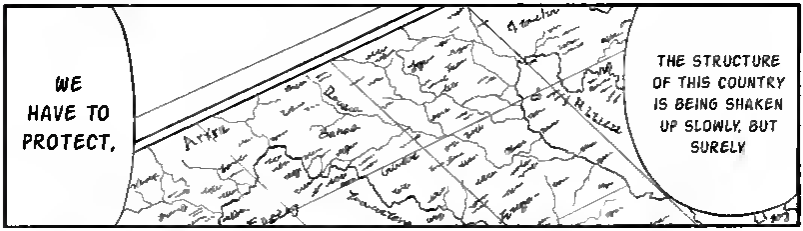

MY POWER ALLOWS ME TO INCREASE MY PHYSICAL ABILITY.
WHAT?!

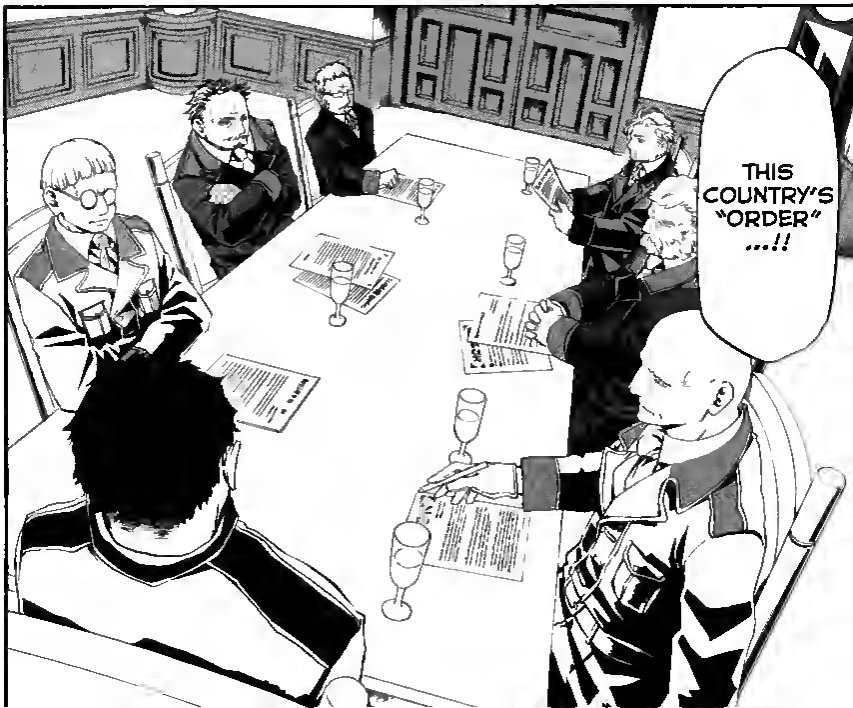
I DON'T WANNA STAY IN JAIL UNTIL THE "FOURTH FESTIVAL".
YOU TWO WERE REALLY CLOSE, BUT I'LL HAVE TO TAKE MY LEAVE.

BYE~
THE FOURTH FESTIVAL ...?

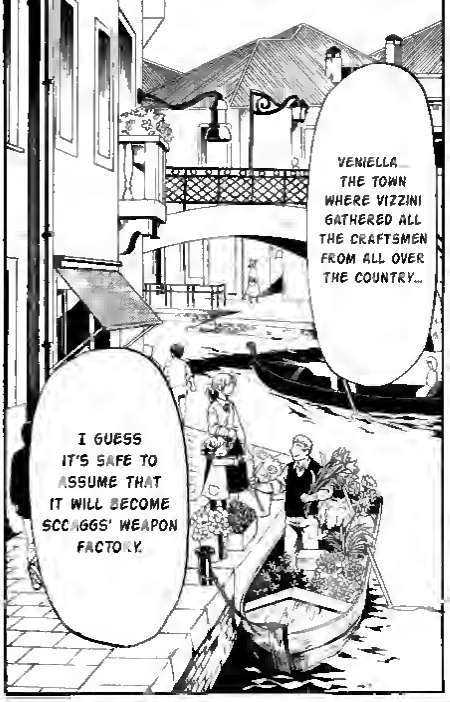
HURRY!!!
HE PASSED THE WALL! TELL THE GUARDS BELOW!!!
SFX. THUDI THUDI THUDI
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT SIEGFRIED IS PLANNING
GRIP
I'LL DEFINITELY PUT AN END TO EVERY-THING

A TROUBLESOME ONE HAS APPEARED.
AND SIEGFRIED SCCAGGS...
VIZZINI'S DEATH.


WE HAVE TO PROTECT.
THE STRUCTURE OF THIS COUNTRY IS BEING SHAKEN UP SLOWLY, BUT SURELY

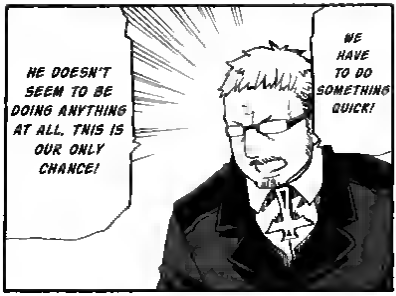

THIS COUNTRY'S "ORDER" ...!!

NEVER-THELESS, THIS IS VERY IRONIC
THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT WAS MADE BECAUSE OF A REVOLUTION
NOT BEING ABLE TO WITHSTAND ROYALTY'S TYRANNY
WE TOOK UP WEAPONS AND CHANGED THIS COUNTRY WITH THE ONES WHO SUFFERED THE SAME AS US, AND BECAME ILLEGAL ORGANIZATIONS
YOU DON'T NEED TO SAY THIS IN THE ROUNDABOUT WAY
THIS GOVERNMENT WAS MADE BY BORROWING POWER FROM ILLEGAL ORGANIZATIONS.. THE MAFIA
CLANG!
THE WORLD CALLS THEM THE "BIG FIVE FAMILIES", RIGHT?
HOWEVER, THEY OWE THEIR RANK TO THE GOVERNMENT.
THAT'S RIGHT..... THIS COUNTRY WAS BUILT UPON THE PERFECT BALANCE BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE BIG FIVE FAMILIES.
THEREFORE WE CANNOT IGNORE INCIDENTS THAT OCCUR IN THE "UNDERGROUND WORLD".


VENIELLA... THE TOWN WHERE VIZZINI GATHERED ALL THE CRAFTSMEN FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY...
I GUESS IT'S SAFE TO ASSUME THAT IT WILL BECOME SCCAGGS' WEAPON FACTORY.

IS IT TRUE THAT THE FLOW OF SCCAGGS HAS INCREASED?
IT JUST SUDDENLY INCREASED... THE NUMBER OF CONFLICTS THE NEW MAFIA HAS CAUSED, REFLECTS THE RISE OF SCCAGGS AS WELL.

WE CANNOT MOVE THE CARABINIERI JUST BECAUSE OF OUR SUSPICIONS?


HE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE DOING ANYTHING AT ALL. THIS IS OUR ONLY CHANCE!
WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING QUICK!

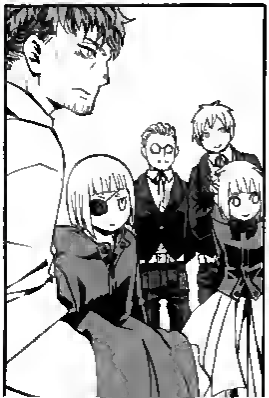
RIGHT... THERE IS ONLY ONE HAND WE CAN PLAY...

IN OTHER WORDS, IT WAS CREATED TO CLEAN UP THE MESS THE WORST MAFIA CONFLICT... "FIVE DAYS OF BLOOD", CREATED.
...RED RAVEN IS AN ORGANIZATION MADE TO CONTROL SCCAGGS
JUDGE CARLO SCARLATTI... YOU UNDERSTAND, RIGHT?
WHO ELSE OTHER THAN US, IS BETTER SUITED FOR THIS JOB?

CLATTER
WHERE ARE THE FILES I ASKED FOR LAST WEEK?
ALSO, COULD YOU PLEASE PREPARE A MAP?
CLATTER
I R
Kei Kinoshita

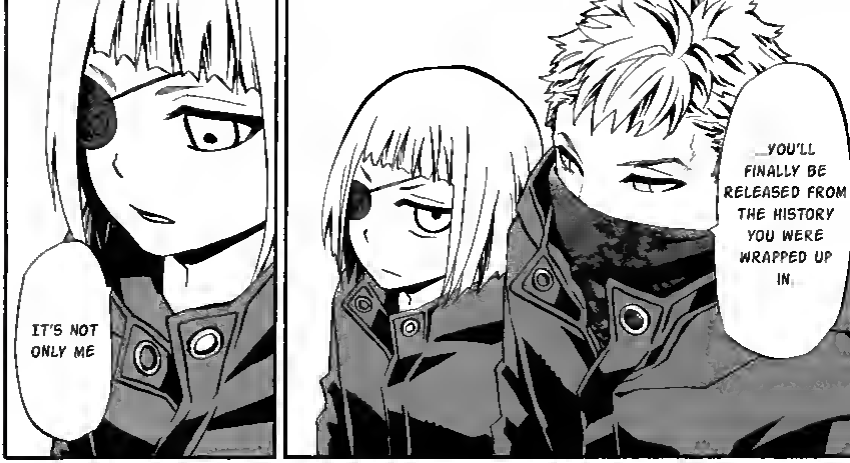
CLATTER
IF ONLY THE HIGHER-UPS WHO WON'T STOP COMPLAINING COULD LEARN FROM YOU ALL.
EVERYONE. THANKS FOR SACRIFICING YOUR SLEEP TO WORK
CLATTER

YOUR EYE CIRCLES ARE PRETTY DARK MAKE SURE TO SLEEP PROPERLY
PAT
ESPECIALLY FOR WOMEN. IT'S BAD FOR THE SKIN
CARLO-SAN...



I'M PROUD AND THANKFUL FOR BEING SURROUNDED BY SUCH RELIABLE SUBORDINATES.

HOWEVER, WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH POWER TO SEARCH THE DEPTHS, THEREFORE WE HAVE NOT PINPOINTED THE LOCATION OF THE FACTORY.
WE CURRENTLY HAVE PEOPLE INVESTIGATING IN VENIELLA.
FIRST, LOCATE SCCAGGS' WEAPON FACTORY.
FROM NOW ON, OUR TARGET HAS NARROWED DOWN TO ONE PERSON
WE BELIEVE THAT TO GAIN CONFIRMATION, WE WOULD HAVE TO USE BRUTE FORCE.
SERIOUSLY, DON'T JUST CALL JOSEPH CALL US TOO!
SO BASICALLY WE JUST HAVE TO PUT OUR BACKS INTO IT AND CRUSH SCCAGGS RIGHT?
RR: VII
SCOTT GETTY.
RR: VI
RYAN AUBREY.


IT'S NOT ONLY ME
...YOU'LL FINALLY BE RELEASED FROM THE HISTORY YOU WERE WRAPPED UP IN.

WERE STOLEN FROM EVERYONE
PRECIOUS THINGS.

HM?! HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN A WHILE, AHO YOU'VE GOTTEN REALLY COCKY, LITTLE BRAT!
OH...
SHUT UP.

IT'S NOT ONLY ME... EVERYONE... WILL BE RELEASED FROM THE FEAR AND ANGER .

THOUGH IT IS MOST LIKELY THAT REVERSE NUMBERS WILL BE THERE.
HOWEVER, WE DON'T KNOW WHAT WILL APPEAR.
WE'VE MARKED SEVERAL FACTORIES

THIS IS A "FORCED EXECUTION" LURE SIEGFRIED SCCAGGS TO THE GALLOWS
WIPE OUT EVERYTHING.

THIS IS THE TIME WHEN WE PROVE OUR EXISTENCE .!
"KILL ONE AND HAVE A THOUSAND TREMBLE IN FEAR."

I TO VII. I HEREBY ANNOUNCE TO ALL EXECU-TIONERS.
TO HEAD TO VENIELLA!!